

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO. 1:20 CR 447
	)	
Plaintiff	)	JUDGE SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.
	)	
v.	)	ORDER ACCEPTING PLEA
	)	AGREEMENT, JUDGMENT AND
MONIQUE BURGESS,	)	REFERRAL TO U.S. PROBATION
	)	<u>OFFICE</u>
Defendant	)	

This case is before the Court on a Report and Recommendation filed by United States Magistrate Judge David A. Ruiz, regarding the change of plea hearing of Monique Burgess, which was referred to the Magistrate Judge with the consent of the parties.

On August 19, 2020, the government filed a 2 count Information, charging Defendant Monique Burgess, with Theft of Government Property, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 641, and False Statements and Fraud to Obtain Federal Employee's Compensation, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. 1920. Defendant was arraigned on August 31, 2020 before Magistrate Judge David A. Ruiz, and entered a plea of guilty to counts 1 and 2 of the Information. Magistrate Judge Ruiz issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R"), concerning whether the plea should be accepted and a finding of guilty entered.

Neither party submitted objections to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the fourteen days after it was issued.

On de novo review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is adopted. Defendant Burgess is found to be competent to enter a plea and to understand her constitutional rights. She is aware of the charges and of the consequences of entering a plea. There is an adequate factual basis

for the plea. The court finds the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. The plea agreement is approved.

Therefore, Defendant Monique Burgess is adjudged guilty to counts 1 and 2 of the Information, in violation of Titles 18 U. S. C. § 641 and 1920. This matter was referred to the U. S. Probation Department for the completion of a pre-sentence investigation and report. Sentencing will be on December 18, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. in Courtroom 17A, Carl B. Stokes United States Court House, 801 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

September 25, 2020